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Applicant: Focke, Heinz et al.

Application No.: 09/990796

Filing Date: 14 November 2001

Title: Process and Apparatus for Producing
Packs with an Outer Wrapper as well
as Reel Unit

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Truong, T.K.

RESPONSE

20 February 2004

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Mail Stop Response - Fee
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action dated 21 October 2003 from Examiner Thanh K. Truong of
Art Unit 3721 has been received. The following is being submitted in response.

I certify that I have transmitted this document via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark
Office at the official fax number 703-872-9306, this 20th day of February, 2004.


Laurence P. Colton

STATUS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and have been rejected.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 and 112.

Claims 2-5 and 7-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A separate petition for an extension of time of one (1) month to respond to 21 February 2004 to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate fee for a large entity of \$110.00, is enclosed.

EXCESS CLAIMS FEE

This response has resulted in the addition of 1 new independent claims and 0 new total claims, and the excess claims fee for a large entity of \$86.00 is enclosed.